

**Meeting Minutes**  
**CJCC Subcommittee**  
***Empowering Reentry & Reducing Recidivism***  
**Jury Room B, Law & Justice Center**  
**December 2, 2009**

**Present:** Jim Cashell  
Connie Campbell  
Brian Gootkin  
Don Hargrove  
Charlie Hubbard  
Shelly Johnson  
Roxanne Klingensmith  
Stacey Pace  
Joshua Penn  
Jack Pollari  
Ray Ross  
Randy VanOsdol  
David Young

**Pre-Meeting Discussion:**

During a discussion of definitions of recidivism, Jim Cashell said there are difficulties in data collection because of multiple bookings on the same offense that could skew the data. He shared that previous data he had seen showed that only seven percent of offenders re-offend and 22 percent are re-booked/re-incarcerated because of a technical violation. There was a consensus that the subcommittee should use the MT DOC definition for recidivism. Don Hargrove mentioned that perhaps the phrase in the MT DOC definition that says “Each release can have only one corresponding return” was there to prevent the potential multiple counting that Jim Cashell referred to. Much of the offender re-incarceration is powered by addictive behaviors. Jack Pollari shared an *Opinion* article in the Tuesday, December 1, issue of the Billings Gazette where it was reported that so far 41 percent of all fatal 2009 motor vehicle crashes in MT have involved alcohol use. The *Opinion* article, “*Legislature should help put brakes on DUIs*” is available on the Billings Gazette website. Shelly Johnson shared that another factor that impacts recidivism is the evaluation for, and diagnosis of, chemical dependency. They use criteria for diagnosis from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) IV and for level of care from the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM).

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Co-Chair Roxanne Klingensmith called the meeting to order at 1:16 pm. Roxanne asked those attending to introduce themselves, tell who they were representing and sign the attendance sheet being circulated. Copies of the agenda for the meeting were distributed and Roxanne asked if there were any additional agenda items. Brian Gootkin mentioned adding the topic of a tour of the new jail for those members interested. He said that the best day of the week would be a Saturday when construction crew members were not on the job. After some discussion, it was decided that a Saturday in January would be selected for a tour of the new jail which will be arranged by Jackie Keery. The tour will include the DUI booking area.

Roxanne asked for additions and/or corrections of the minutes from the meeting of November 4, 2009. Hearing none, the minutes were accepted as distributed.

Roxanne reported on the meeting with Lt Gov John Bohlinger on Tuesday, November 24, and thanked Don Hargrove for arranging that opportunity. Roxanne thanked members of the subcommittee who were able to attend and thanked Brian Gootkin for his comments about the disconnect between local communities and the state with respect to handling offenders and why they weren't working closer together. Roxanne shared that she did provide Lt Gov Bohlinger with a copy of the four faith-based groups working in Gallatin County to enhance reentry and reduce recidivism. Roxanne said that she is now on the e-mail list for future MT Corrections Advisory Council (CAC) meetings and subcommittee members are invited to attend those meetings. Jim Cashell brought up the issue of the need for more case management and that it would be most helpful to get basic info to the inmates early on. Roxanne said that notes from the meeting with Lt Gov John Bohlinger had been sent out by Jan Bjork and if anyone did not get a copy to let her know she would send them a copy.

Next, Roxanne moved to the topic of subcommittee work groups. During discussion about work groups the following points were made:

The county and state data are fragmented

First and foremost the subcommittee needs to decide what data they want to collect and what it will be used for

Current data collections involve both the county jail and the MT DOC

The data collection work group will work closely with the CJCC on this topic area

After the discussion, the following assignments were made:

**Mission and Goals Subcommittee - Roxanne Klingensmith, Chair**

Jim Cashell

Matthew Cyr

Michael Dunham

Brian Gootkin

Don Hargrove

Dennis Houska

Randy VanOsdol

David Young

**Definition of Recidivism - Marty Lambert, Chair**

Jim Cashell

David Young

**Data Collection - Connie Campbell, Chair**

Jenna Caplette

Matthew Cyr

Michael Dunham

Dennis Houska

Roxanne Klingensmith

Shelly Johnson  
Carol Townsend

**Why Recidivism - Stacy Pace, Chair**

Matthew Cyr  
Michael Dunham  
Dennis Houska  
Charlie Hubbard  
Shelly Johnson  
Joshua Penn  
Jack Pollari  
Ray Ross

**Community Resources - Brian Gootkin, Chair**

Pam Allsop  
Jack Pollari

**Existing Programs/Best Practices - Randy VanOsdol, Chair**

Pam Allsop  
Jack Pollari  
Ray Ross

Roxanne said that subcommittee members not in attendance at the current meeting will have the opportunity to self-select work groups corresponding to their interests.

With respect to the next meeting, Roxanne said that she will not be available in January and that it may be best to allow some time for work groups to meet until we have another subcommittee meeting. Accordingly, she charged each work group chair to schedule a meeting before the next subcommittee meeting on February 3, 2010 and to appoint a person to take notes for their work group.

Roxanne asked if there were other items that needed to be discussed. Don Hargrove mentioned that, to his knowledge, this was the only group of its kind in Montana and that if we design and develop a workable model there is good potential for replication in other counties. He said that legislators love groups like ours because they generate public interest and are all about saving the taxpayers money. He suggested that our local legislators need to be informed of what we are doing.

Dave Young mentioned that a federal Request for Applications (RFA) entitled 'Offender Reentry Program' was posted on Grants.Gov on November 2, 2009 with a deadline date of January 19, 2010. He said that he checked with the MT DOC and they are too busy with other grants to respond to this RFA and the only organization he has found interested in applying is the MT-WY Tribal Leaders Council in Billings. They plan to address the issues of American Indian women leaving the MWP and reentering the community. Jim Cashell asked if there was a matching requirement and Dave said there was none. It was suggested that Shelly Johnson and Dave Young meet with Larry Watson to go over the RFA and determine if the county would be interested in applying.

Roxanne reminded members that the next meeting would start at **1:00pm on Wednesday, February 3, 2010**. The meeting adjourned at 1:58pm.